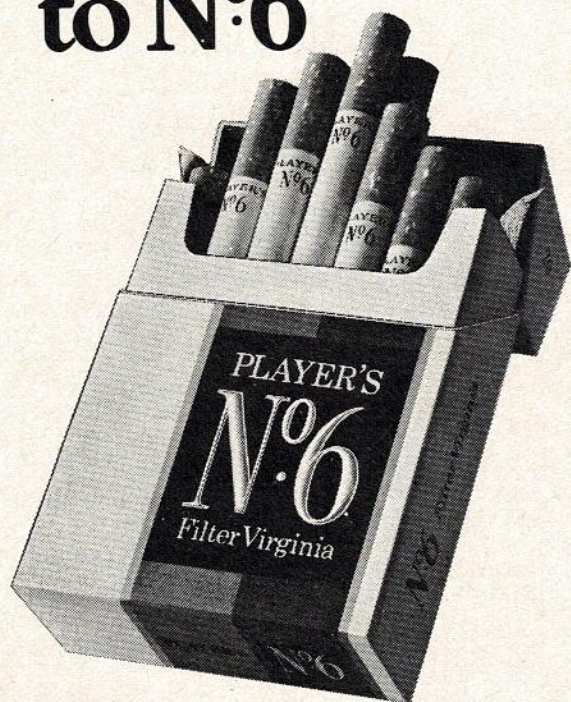


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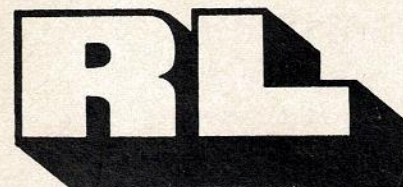


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Challenge Cup winners: 1923-24, 1928-29, 1947-48, 1950-51, 1957-58, 1958-59 and 1964-65.

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Runners-up: 1969-70.

Lancashire Cup winners: 1905-06, 1908-09, 1909-10, 1912-13, 1922-23, 1928-29, 1938-39, 1946-47, 1947-48, 1948-49, 1949-50, 1950-51, 1951-52, 1966-67, 1971-72, and 1973-74.

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Runners-up: 1909-10, 1921-22, 1924-25, 1928-29, 1930-31, 1933-34, 1947-48, 1948-49, 1959-60 and 1968-69.

Central Park Chatter

Differential Penalty

At a Special General Meeting at Salford on 4th August, 1976, it was agreed that in all matches controlled by the Rugby Football League (all First, 'A' Team and Colts Team matches) a Differential Penalty shall apply at the scrummage with immediate effect. The Differential Penalty will operate as follows:—

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"The Mark"—where the offence occurs, i.e. where the scrum takes place.

The non-offending side must take the tap at the Mark. They have not the option either of kicking at goal or finding touch.

Rochdale 'A' v. Wigan 'A'—November 19th

Playing against a very good Rochdale side, we again kept our unbeaten record intact. The performance of the Rochdale lads belied their position in the combination table and on this showing the Rochdale 'A' team is a side that should do well.

We were trailing by 5 points before the game was more than a few minutes old, but we eventually ran out winners by 8 points to 16 points.

Lancs. Combination Shield

Wigan 'A' v. Workington 'A'—Saturday, November 27th

Having gained a valuable lead of 12-5 in the 1st leg at Workington, we entertained them at home on Saturday, 27th November and gained a valuable 28 points to 11 points victory. Our 'A' team, still unbeaten in all games played to date, now meet Swinton in a 2 leg semi-final.

BBC 2 Floodlit Trophy

We were bitterly disappointed at the result on the 23rd November. Leigh appear to be our "bogey" team this season after previously knocking us out of the Lancashire Cup. In spite of territorial advantage to the home side, for almost all the second half, we were still well placed to equalize or snatch victory, until the last few minutes when an interception try by Stacey concluded our interest in this year's competition. The attendance of 6,068 was the highest recorded in the competition this season

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FRANCIS	14	—	1	—	—	5	8
VIGO	13	1	7	—	—	3	11
HILL	12	—	—	1	1	3	5
O'LOUGHLIN	15	1	2	—	—	2	5
HORNBY	14	—	—	—	2	3	5
WHITTLE	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
NULTY	16	—	1	—	1	2	4
ASHCROFT	13	—	—	—	—	—	—
MARTLAND	7	—	—	—	—	—	—
BAILEY	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
CLARKE	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
IRVING	17	—	—	—	1	1	2
GREGORY	10	—	—	—	—	2	2
KARALIUS	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
FAIRBAIRN	16	—	—	—	—	—	—
BLACKWOOD	15	—	—	—	1	4	5
COYLE	5	—	—	—	—	3	3
ASPINALL	8	—	—	—	—	1	1
HOLLINGSWORTH	8	—	—	—	—	—	—
RAMSDALE	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
DAVIES	4	—	—	—	—	2	2
DORAN	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
SORENSEN	2	—	—	—	—	1	1
MELLING	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
TAYLOR	5	—	—	—	—	2	2
HOGAN	5	—	—	—	—	1	1
Substitutes	221	2	11	1	8	35	57
O'NEILL	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
COYLE	4	1	—	—	—	—	1
TAYLOR	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
HOLLINGSWORTH	4	—	—	—	—	1	1
MARTLAND	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
MELLING	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
GREGORY	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
HOGAN	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
SORENSEN	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
ASHCROFT	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	240	3	11	1	8	36	59

1st TEAM GOAL SCORERS

	Appearances	Locker Cup	Lancs Cup	BBC 2	No. 6	League	TOTAL
FAIRBAIRN	—	—	9	7/1DG	9	36	61/1DG
KARALIUS	3	—	—	1DG	—	2DG	3
NULTY	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	3DG	9	7/2DG	9	36/2DG	64/4DG	

'A' TEAM APPEARANCES AND TRY SCORERS (up to and including 27/11/76)

	Appearances	Friendly	L.C.C.S.	League	TOTAL
BURKE	11	—	1	—	1
RAMSDALE	7	2	1	2	5
DAVIES	7	1	—	—	1
WALSH	10	—	2	1	3
HORNBY	4	1	—	—	1
TAYLOR	6	3	1	—	4
FOSTER	7	—	2	2	4
WHITTLE	1	—	—	2	2
DORAN	6	—	2	—	2
BAILEY	3	—	—	—	—
ASPINALL	6	1	2	—	3
GASKELL	5	—	—	—	—
DOOTSON	7	—	—	2	2
MELLING	9	1	1	3	5
GREENALL	9	—	3	3	6
O'NEILL	9	—	—	—	—
REGAN	6	—	1	1	2
SWANN	8	—	—	2	2
MARTLAND	4	—	—	1	1
A. N. OTHER	5	—	—	2	2
RENNOX	2	—	—	—	—
SORENSEN	1	—	—	—	—
KARALIUS	3	—	—	1	1
SMETHURST	2	—	—	—	—
HOLLINGSWORTH	1	—	—	—	—
COYLE	4	—	—	—	—
GOAL SCORERS	143	9	16	22	47
HORNBY	—	5	12	5	22
A. N. OTHER	—	—	1	—	1
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(including games played week ending 5th December, 1976)

1st Division								Division Two							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St. Helens	14	10	1	3	252	169	21	Dewsbury	11	9	0	2	167	76	18
Bradford N.	11	7	2	2	213	117	16	Hull	9	8	0	1	222	77	16
Featherstone R ..	11	7	1	3	199	135	15	York	11	8	0	3	196	138	16
Leeds	11	6	1	4	168	158	13	Huyton	13	8	0	5	188	191	16
Salford	12	6	1	5	210	207	13	Keighley	12	7	1	4	183	112	15
Hull K.R.	12	6	1	5	184	198	13	Swinton	10	6	2	2	146	113	14
Castleford	10	6	0	4	192	144	12	N. Hunslet	11	6	1	4	161	134	13
Wigan	10	5	1	4	178	179	11	Huddersfield	11	5	0	6	199	137	10
Workington	11	5	1	5	120	133	11	Bramley	10	5	0	5	158	180	10
Warrington	12	5	0	7	216	220	10	Halifax	10	4	0	6	123	149	8
Oldham	12	5	0	7	175	182	10	Whitehaven	12	4	0	8	134	172	8
Leigh	11	4	1	6	146	180	9	Batley	12	3	1	8	136	230	7
Widnes	8	4	0	4	136	126	8	Blackpool	10	1	1	8	99	151	3
Wakefield	12	3	2	7	192	208	8	Doncaster	12	0	0	12	111	363	0
Barrow	11	4	0	7	129	242	8								
Rochdale	12	1	0	11	151	263	2								

Brian Batty on Rugby League

PROBLEMS IN FRANCE

The French move in some mysterious ways when it comes to football affairs—as we have found to our cost too often on this side of the channel. It seems that they are in a constant process of trying to rebuild the game and revive the interest of their fans. They took a couple of steps in that direction recently when they upset Rochdale Hornets with the strange dealings that emerged in the Tony Halmshaw case. They also had Cup Winners St. Helens as visitors in a special invitation game at Perpignan, which the French won.

By
**Brian
Batty**
of the
"Daily Mail"



The action of French club Tonneins in taking on Halmshaw without first paying a fee or even trying to negotiate a deal has left a nasty taste. Hornets' Chairman Jack Grindrod rightly feels that his club have lost out both ways for they have had to make a stand which is hardly likely to lead to Halmshaw returning to the club in the future. "It is not the sort of situation we like to find ourselves involved in and the League has to make a stand or there will be a load of English players going over to France", he warns. There are a lot of problems facing any player who joins a French club but, of course, the right financial rewards can prove tempting.

St. Helens found the atmosphere between the French club and the local Rugby Union club pretty tense during their trip to Perpignan. "We got a decent gate of around 5,000 but it would have been a lot more but for the fact that the Union club had arranged a game against an Irish touring side for that day. The rivalry and feeling between officials of the two codes is so bitter that they are not speaking to each other", Geoff told me. The local dignitaries who attended the League function after the match had to leave before the end to make an appearance at the Union affair so as not to cause any ill-feeling. "The French were obviously determined to beat us at all costs and the first 15 minutes were pretty torrid by any standards. But they have a useful side and are rebuilding pretty well", added Secretary Sutcliffe.

Perhaps these experiences will give a hint of lively times to come for the visits of the British Under-24 and England teams for you can never legislate as to what will happen with the French.



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Cliff Webb

Rugby League
Correspondent
of the Wigan Observer

The cold, dead hand of frost, in its shroud of fog, has effectively kept Wigan out of action for the past two weekends so today's clash with Oldham is doubly welcome at Central Park, both as a pre-Christmas treat and as a chance for Wigan to get in some much needed match practice.

This is Wigan's last home game of 1976 and though the team will want to impress their fans after the recent lay-off, they will not find Oldham in the mood to give away any Christmas presents this afternoon. Oldham themselves need all the league points they can get, as they are in the bottom half of the league table. What is more, Oldham take the field today with the knowledge that they have already beaten Wigan this season in that remarkable game at Watersheddings on September 26th, when Oldham stormed back from 6-20 down to win 23-20 in the last half hour of the game. The man who did the trick for Oldham was winger Mike Elliott, who put on a terrific display, so it goes without saying that Wigan will not be giving Elliott any scope today if they can help it.

Indeed, Wigan will have to be at their best today, for Oldham have a remarkably good record of wins at Central Park in the past few years, despite their ups and downs in the league. Last season Wigan won both the league matches between the two clubs, but on their previous visit, Oldham eliminated Wigan from the Floodlit Trophy competition of 1973. Yet today I think Wigan are capable of levelling matters up in the league for this season, especially if England prop forward Brian Hogan and his mate Dennis Ashcroft are back in their front row to ensure a fair share of possession. One thing we can be sure of in any game between Wigan and Oldham is good, open rugby and that should be Christmas box enough for any fan.

Meanwhile, the Wigan club, and its supporters, face the coming of 1977 with confidence, for coach Vince Karalius believes that the New Year should bring with it the first real signs of benefit from the tough training régime he has instituted at Central Park. Vince said that miracles would not come overnight and that his priorities for the team were fitness and team spirit. He seems to be achieving those objects now, and as they are realised winning results should come more often.

So far this season Wigan have won 'nowt', as they say, where trophies are concerned, but there is always the Challenge Cup trail ahead and, although First Division status must have priority in the Karalius scheme of things, the Wigan team and its fans feel 1977 could be Wigan's Wembley year once more, if that Karalius magic really pays off.

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First
Team

FIXTURES

'A'
Team

SEASON TICKET
VOUCHER No.

AUGUST 1976

F-A

AUGUST 1976

15 Sun	Warrington (Locker Cup)(3.00)	A	15-27	L
21 Sat	St. Helens (3.00) (Forshaws Lancs Cup 1st Rd)	H	37-5	W
29 Sun	Leigh (3.00) (Forshaws Lancs Cup 2nd Rd)	H	14-16	L

SEPTEMBER

5 Sun	Hull K.R. (2.45)	A	11-25	L
12 Sun	Widnes (3.00)	1 H	19-18	W
19 Sun	Castleford (3.00)	2 H	19-29	L
26 Sun	Oldham (3.30)	A	20-23	L

OCTOBER

3 Sun	Salford (3.00)	3 H	32-15	W
10 Sun	Workington Town (3.00)	A	13-13	D
12 Tues	Widnes (BBC 2 Television Trophy 1st Rd)(7.25)	A	14-13	W
24 Sun	Keighley (Player's No.6 1st Rd)(3.00)	H	33-0	W
27 Wed	Leeds (7.30)	4 H	10-8	W

NOVEMBER

7 Sun	York (2.45) Player's No. 6 (2nd Rd)	A	7-8	L
14 Sun	Hull K.R. (3.00)	5 H	17-11	W
21 Sun	Rochdale Hornets (3.00)	6 H	31-21	W
23 Tue	Leigh (Television Trophy 2nd Rd) (7.25)	A	5-12	L
28 Sun	Wakefield Trinity (3.30)	A	6-16	L

DECEMBER

19 Sun	Oldham (3.00)	8 H		
27 Mon	St. Helens (Box. Day) (3.00)	A		

JANUARY 1977

2 Sun	Rochdale Hornets (2.30)	A		
9 Sun	Featherstone Rovers (3.00)	9 H		
15 Sat	Leeds (3.00)	A		
23 Sun	Warrington (3.00)	10 H		
30 Sun	Featherstone Rovers (3.00)	A		

FEBRUARY

3 Thurs	Widnes (7.30)	A		
6 Sun	Workington Town (3.00)	11 H		
13 Sun	Challenge Cup (1st Rd)			
20 Sun	Wakefield Trinity (3.00)	12 H		
27 Sun	Challenge Cup (2nd Rd)			

MARCH

6 Sun	Warrington (3.00)	A		
13 Sun	Leigh (3.00)	13 H		
20 Sun	Leigh (3.30)	A		
23 Wed	Bradford N. (7.30)	7 H		
27 Sun	Barrow (2.30)	A		

APRIL

3 Sun	Barrow (3.00)	14 H		
8 Fri	St. Helens (Good Fri.) (3.00)	15 H		
11 Mon	Salford (Easter Mon) (3.00)	A		
22 Fri	Castleford (7.30)	A		

To be arranged

Bradford Northern (away)

14 Sat	Warrington (Charity)(3.00)	H	31-13	W
20 Fri	Warrington (7.30) (Lancs Shield. 1st Rd, 1st leg)	A	30-17	W
31 Tues	Warrington (7.30) (Lancs Shield. 1st Rd, 2nd leg)	H	12-8	W

SEPTEMBER

10 Fri	Widnes (7.30)	A	16-7	W
25 Sat	Oldham (3.00)	H	35-15	W

OCTOBER

1 Fri	Salford	A	9-3	W
9 Sat	Workington Town (3.00)	H	32-8	W
23 Sat	Workington T. (Shield 2nd Rd)	A	12-5	W
29 Fri	Widnes (Friendly)(7.30)	A	14-12	W

NOVEMBER

19 Fri	Rochdale (7.30)	A	16-8	W
27 Sat	Workington Town (Shield 2nd Rd, 2nd Leg)(2.30)	H	28-11	W

DECEMBER

18 Sat	Oldham (3.00)	A		
27 Mon	St. Helens (Box. Day) (11.30)	H		

JANUARY 1977

1 Sat	Rochdale (3.00)	H		
15 Sat	Swinton (Shield Semi- 1st leg)	H		
21 Fri	Warrington (7.30)	A		
29 Sat	Swinton (3.00)	H		

FEBRUARY

5 Sat	Workington Town (3.00)	A		
12 Sat	Huyton (3.00)	H		
26 Sat	Salford (2.30)	H		

MARCH

5 Sat	Warrington (3.00)	H		
12 Sat	Leigh (3.00)	A		
19 Sat	Leigh (3.00)	H		
26 Sat	Barrow (3.00)	H		

APRIL

2 Sat	Barrow (3.00)	A		
6 Wed	St. Helens (7.30)	A		
16 Sat	Huyton (2.30)	A		

To be arranged

Widnes (Home)
Friendlies: St. Helens (home and away)
Swinton 'A' (Away)

Swinton 'A' Shield Semi- 2nd leg (Away)

OTHER GAMES

(Cup and Representative)

APRIL 1976

24 Sat	Leeds "Embassy" Sevens (Leeds) (1st Rd) Wigan v. Castleford	13-16	L
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MAY

26 Wed	Jeff Whiteside Sevens (Swinton) (1st Rd) Wigan v. Leigh (Semi-Final) Wigan v. Oldham	13-10	W
		10-16	L

AUGUST

7 Sat	Wigan Summer Sevens (Wigan) (1st Rd) Wigan v. York (Semi-Final) Wigan v. Castleford (Final) Wigan v. Wakefield T.	13-8	W
		25-15	W
		27-11	W

OCTOBER

30 Sat	Forshaws Lancashire County Cup Final Widnes v. Workington Town.	16-11	(to Widnes)
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